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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	SECURITY INFORMATION <u>REPORT</u>		
PIC <u>General Military Information from the Quartering Area of the Third</u>			
<u>Gds Mecz Army</u>			
EVALUATION <u>25X1</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>25X1</u>		
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MARKS			
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1. On 27 May 1953, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne, Suremburg, was occupied by a small number of Soviet soldiers and an estimated 500 VP personnel wearing blue epaulets. 25X1
2. On 19 May, the Jaeger Kaserne, Luebben, was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia; and black-bordered black epaulets. Source did no longer see the military band. Between 12 and 30 May, only a few soldiers were seen in the barracks area. Motor vehicle sheds Nos 12, 15 and 20 were open and empty. On 19 May, 9 officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets and 2 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation, coming from the direction of the town. Sedan 25X1 was seen in front of a barracks building.
3. On 19 May, the hospital was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; and an undetermined number of uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1 No training activity was observed 25X1 nine soldiers and, on 12 May, sedan 25X1 leaving the installation toward the town.
4. On 19 May, the sentry at the cantonment west of the Luebben railroad station wore red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicular traffic was observed.²
5. On 23 May, the Funker Kaserne, Cottbus, was occupied by a guard detail of about 50 to 60 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1 Truck 25X1 picked up equipment at the installation.
6. On 23 May, the Alvensleben Kaserne was occupied by a guard detail of about 70 soldiers. Only a few windows were lighted after nightfall. No training was observed. Trucks 25X1 were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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7. On 23 May, the Hermann Goens Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, some black-bordered black epaulets. An undetermined number of the troops were recruits. The officers' billets in the north of the installation were only partially occupied. The AAA emplacement was still on the south side of the installation. Between 10 and 23 May, 4 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] JS-3 tank [redacted] and 4 trucks, each occupied by 15 to 20 soldiers, were repeatedly seen en route to the training area south of the installation. [redacted]

[redacted] On several days, 50 to 60 troops were seen at formation drill in the barracks area.

8. On 23 May, the Sachsenhof Kaserne was occupied by 1,200 to 1,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with artillery and tank insignia. Between 10 and 23 May, drill and training in firing with rifles was observed, with about 120 to 150 troops involved on one day. [redacted] they included a number of recruits. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [redacted]

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9. On 23 May, the Dissendchen Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops. Between 10 and 23 May, about 30 to 40 soldiers received instruction on a 122-mm field howitzer and a 57-mm AT gun in the training area west of the installation. [redacted]

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10. On 22 May, the Alvensleben Kaserne was occupied only by a guard detail. Only five windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. The gate was locked and, if necessary, opened by a guard. No activities were observed in the barracks yard. Nor were any motor vehicles seen.

11. On 22 May, the Funker Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail. On 3 May, two 37-mm AA guns were seen in front of a wooden shed in the rear section of the installation. Between 11 and 22 May, 20 to 25 troops were seen reconditioning the field fortifications in the training area north of the installation. Only a few soldiers and vehicles were seen in the barracks yard.

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12. [redacted] May, 19 trucks, including 15 towing one 85-mm AT gun each, and 4 towing two-wheel trailers were seen leaving the Sachsenhof Kaserne toward east. The trucks were freshly painted [redacted]

13. [redacted]

14. [redacted] May, the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau was occupied by about 500 to 800 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. [redacted] May, a tank driving school with four T-34/85 tank hulls was seen on the road to Loko. Three SU-100 guns were seen at driving practice at the demolition area. [redacted] May, about 40 to 50 troops were repeatedly observed leaving the installation toward the Loko firing range. Little training activity and fatigue duty were observed in the installation. [redacted] May, intensive supply traffic was observed between the barracks installation and the cantonment east of Grosse Kuchnau. [redacted] the rear details were fed by only one kitchen. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen. [redacted]

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- 25X1 15. [] May, the cantonment west of Gross Kuehnaue was occupied by a guard
25X1 detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.
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- 25X1 16. [] May, the barracks installation in Dessau-Kochstedt was occupied by
25X1 Soviet soldiers. [] not able to determine the occupation strength.
Only little training activity was observed. Sentries observed wore red- 25X1
bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [] May, several telephone
lines were strung from the barracks installation to the firing range. About
80 soldiers with small arms were seen leaving the installation toward the
firing range. Intensive driving school practice and little drill were observed.
Motor vehicles [] were seen en route
to and from the installation. 25X1
- 25X1 17. [] May, the southwest section of the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau
was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. []
May, a quartering building in the northeast section of the installation was 25X1
occupied by about 150 to 200 troops. [] May, about 150 troops carrying small
arms and followed by 2 trucks, each towing a 57-mm AT gun and occupied by 8
soldiers, left the installation toward Dessau. Twenty tanks were in an open
shed in the barracks area. All other buildings were vacant and the gates closed.
25X1 [] about 20 to 25 trucks and sedans occupied by a 25X1
total of at least 200 officers, mostly field grade officers and including 3
generals, entered the installation, coming from the direction of Dessau. At
25X1 [] all the vehicles left toward Dessau. []
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- 25X1 C-doc 18. Soviet documents [] included:
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- a. Seven envelopes addressed to a girl of Unit [] Svetlana 25X1
Georgiyevna Starokoshko, the first postmarked 5 November 1952, and mailed
25X1 by a soldier of Unit [] the second postmarked 29 November, examined
by Censorship Office [] stamped by [] and mailed in Rostov 25X1
on the Don River; the third postmarked 4 December 1952, examined by 25X1
Censorship Office [] stamped by [] and mailed in Azov, 25X1
Rostov Oblast; the fourth postmarked 10 December 1952; the fifth postmarked
25X1 21 October 1952, examined by Censorship Office [] stamped by [] 25X1
[] and mailed in Azov, Rostov Oblast; the sixth postmarked 11 December
1952, examined by Censorship Office [] stamped by [] and 25X1
mailed in Stalingrad; and the seventh postmarked 30 November 1952, 25X1
examined by Censorship Office [] stamped by [] and mailed 25X1
in Stalingrad.
- b. A fragment of a list with data on theoretical instruction for soldiers
of an undetermined unit indicating that the instruction will be held
between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. from 9 to 15 December 1952, and was approved
25X1 by Cds Colonel Bagurin or Vagurin (Phu), chief of staff of Unit [] 25X1
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- 25X1 1. [] The Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg had been vacated by the
80th Cds Hvy Tank SP Regt which, in mid-April, left for the new training area
of the 9th Mecz Div at Forst Tauer. The occupation by KVP of the installation
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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The elements of the 9th Mecc Div stationed in Luebben are also believed stationed at Forst Tauer. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. As was also indicated by other reports, major elements of the 9th Mecc Div appear to have remained at the Cottbus post or returned from the Forst Tauer and/or Weisswasser troop training grounds. As Soviet troops are reported to be in Weisswasser in addition to KVP personnel, it can be assumed that Soviet elements are also practicing at Weisswasser, because of lack of room at the Forst Tauer training area. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. For original document, see Annex 1.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. The 7th Gds Tank Div left for Letzling Heath in early April. The tank training battalion can rather safely be believed to have stayed in the barracks installation in Rossau. [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. Elements of the 62d AAA Div which, in late April, transferred to the barracks installation in Kochstedt, may be at Wustrow.

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7. [REDACTED] belongs to the Hq 7th Gds Tank Div in Dessau-Rossau. [REDACTED] presumably belongs to a supply unit in the area of the Third Gds Mecc Army. For original documents, see Annex 2.

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